(b) No, Sir. Not for non-functioning. Some complaints have been received concerning limitations of existing telephone-system and heavy demand for new Telephone connections.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A new electronic containerised exchange of 3000 lines is to be commissioned in about a month time, to replace the e"xisting exchanges.

Telephone service in Guwahati and Dibrugarh

1214. SHRI BAHARUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deplorable functioning of the telephones in Gawahati and Dibrugarh in Assam and the failure of the STD lines from Delhi to these two towns;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of the telephone service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): fa) The functioning of telephones in Guwahati and Dibrugarh in-Assam are generaly satisfactory. The performance of STD from Delhi to Guwahati and Dibrugarh is also generally satisfactory.

(b) Question doe$_s$ not arise.

(c) Followin gsteps are taken/proposed to be taken for improving the functioning of telephones:—

(i) At Dibrugarh, 2000 lines electronic exchange has bee$_n$ commissioned on 1.4.1985.

(2) Special observation and maintenance group has been established and adequate supervision ensured.

(3) Number of incoming and outgoing STD junctions between Guwahati and New Delhi will be increased t_0 meet the high traffic.

(4) From Guwahati point to point ' STD to Calcutta is being commissioned.

(5) Proper maintenance of overhead .lines and underground cables are being ensured.

(6) Replacement of overhead lines by underground cables is being done ia phases.

Training to small entrepreneurs

1215. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHU YAN; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY b$_e$ pleased to 6tate:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to impart training t$_0$ small entrepreneurs who pro-po5e t$_0$ establish industries through reputed Institutes, so as to help them learn modern technical know-how and secure public cooperation in Management of the industries; and

(b) if so, how many such entrepreneurs have been trained during 1985-86 indicating th$_e$ details thereof?

- TH MINISTR OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) Small Industries Development Organisation is ' conducting training programmes for existing and prospective small entrepreneurs in Technical trades and Management subjects through Small Industries Service Institutes, Branch Small Industries Service Institutes and Production/ Extension Centres all over the country.

(b) During 1985-86, th$_e$ number of persons trained in the above courses is as follows:

(1) Technical trades	2988
(2) Management Subjects	2905

Licences for setting up of Newsprint and cement factories in Orissa and Bihar

1216. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state-

(a) the names of companies which have been given licences for setting up